

Abstract

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING A MEDIA CONTENT FILE OVER A NETWORK

A customer computer accesses, through a network, a media
5 content file, as follows. A session is opened between a customer
computer and either an application server or a media content
server. A request to view a media content file is received from
the computer. A temporary metafile having a temporary metafile
name is created. The metafile contains a network address where
10 the media content file can be obtained, an encrypted name of the
media content file and an unencrypted file path leading to the
media content file. The temporary metafile name is sent to the
customer computer. The customer computer requests the temporary
metafile to learn the encrypted media content file name,
15 unencrypted media content file path and the network address. The
customer computer subsequently sends the encrypted media content
file name and the unencrypted media content file path to the
network address to obtain the media content file. The metafile
is cancelled or deleted before or at the end of the session with
20 the customer computer, for security reasons.